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Auxiliary Services to revamp All Cards

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Senior News Editor

A number of changes are being made with regard to the functions of All Cards, a process that will begin in the fall of 2006.

The major changes in this process will be the introduction of All Card online account management services and the combining of Muskies Money and Petty Cash into one balanced account.

The new All Card online transactions systems will prevent students from having to walk to Gallagher Student Center or any of the other All Card machines to put money on their cards. Instead, deposits will be accepted through an online system called the Blackboard Transaction System.

"When you think of Blackboard, you automatically think of managing your academic courses online, but this program is different. Both systems are from the same company, but this system is more focused on e-commerce, which is any type of online financial transaction," said Assistant Director of Auxiliary Services Bill Moran.

The goal of the Blackboard system is to allow for more convenient and secure management of students' All Card accounts.

"We're trying to offer more control and security by maintaining accounts online, instead of having to physically walk to the nearest All Card machine," Moran said.

This system will allow students to deposit money into their All Cards at their own desktop.

Just as students log on to the MyXu Portal system to check their grades or class schedule, they will be able to check their All Card accounts, review their transaction history and put a hold on their accounts if they lose their card.

Online depositing will not only be available for students to make transactions, but parents and other investing individuals will be able to easily add money to students' All Card accounts.

"Parents would normally send cash or checks. This system would allow parents easy and secure access to put money into their children's online accounts," Moran said.

Currently, there are 12 All Card value centers located on campus where students can deposit money into their accounts.

Once the online transaction system is implemented, 10 of the machines will be removed.

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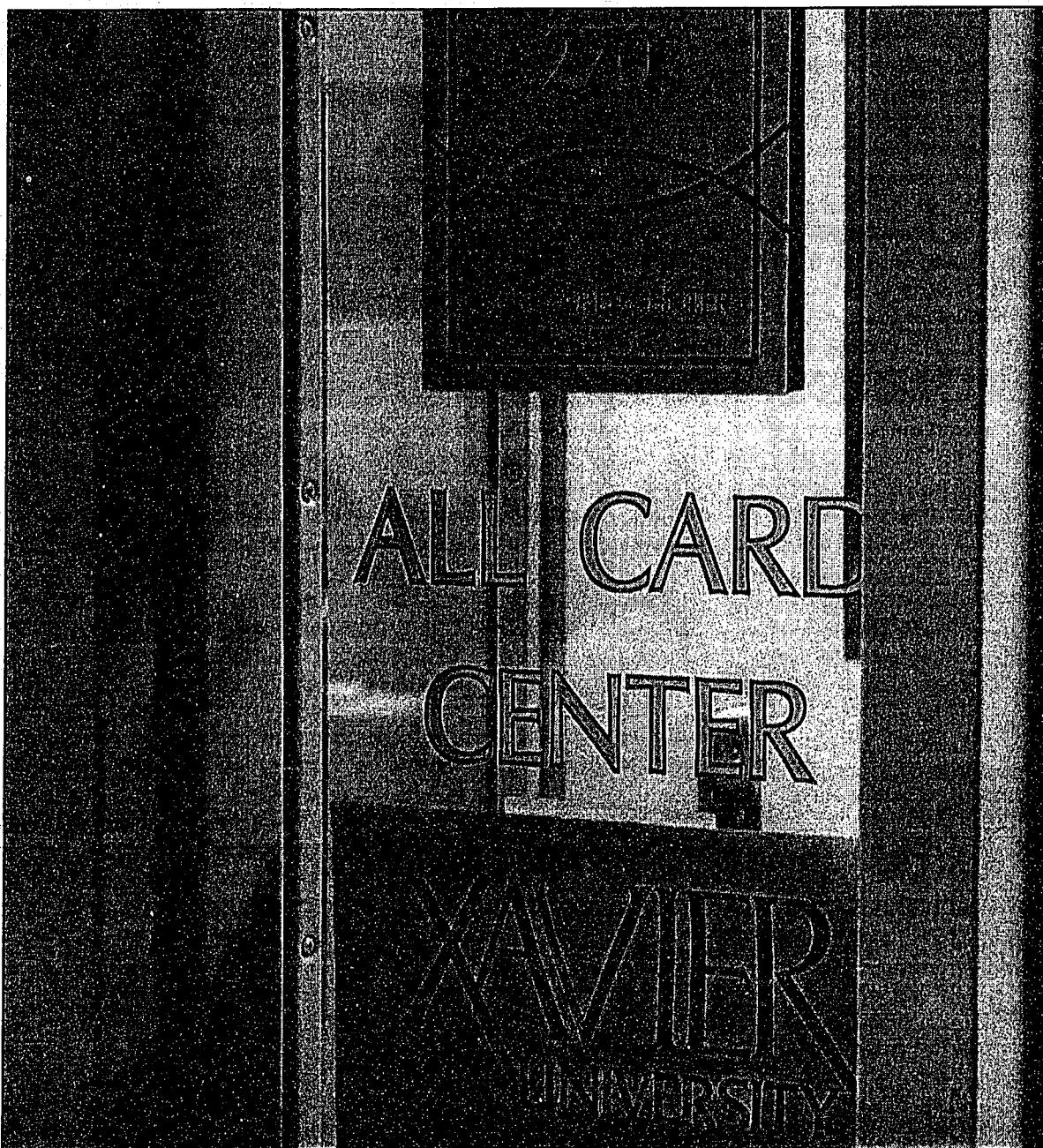


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Even though the familiar facade of the All Card Center will likely remain the same, the way students conduct finances will not.

"While we are trying to do away with students having to visit those kiosks, we decided to keep two of them on campus for people who still wanted to deposit money that way. They will be located at the library and at the Gallagher Student Center because of their convenient locations," Moran said.

Along with the change effecting account deposits, the use of Muskies Money will be eliminated by the fall of 2006.

A new account will start in the upcoming fall semester that will replace what students know today as Muskies Money.

This account will gradually take on the function of Petty Cash, and by the fall of 2006, the two funds will be combined.

"We're trying to simplify things into one account that's widely accessible and secure," Moran said.

Petty Cash will still be used, only now through online transactions, and with a different name.

"We're trying to come up with a new name for the new account that will combine Muskies Money and Petty Cash. Students can nominate some names to the All Card Center. The winner of the chosen name will receive a free iPod. Once we receive the nominated names, the selection will be made by students. If students want to nominate a name, they can email the All Card Center at allcard@xavier.edu or call 745-3374. For this selection, we really want some student input," said Moran.

By combining the two, students will be able to use one account of money at all accepting vendors. In the past, Muskies Money was only accepted at selected food retail locations.

Petty Cash was used at a majority of locations, including the bookstore and other retail centers. Moran explained how this past system frustrated some students because not all of their money was accepted at all campus vendors.

"Some people have expressed their frustration with Muskies Money because it can't be used at the new Subway. This system will help eliminate some of that problem because it's a new, flexible way of spending," Moran said.

By the end of the transition, the new system will ensure that all funds from an All Card account will be protected online, and accepted at the bookstore, campus vending machines, laundry facilities and all food and retail locations.

All of these changes, including the implementation of the Blackboard Transaction System, have

not been low-cost investments. The Office of Auxiliary Services has been the primary investor, with additional contributions coming from Sodexo and the Financial Administration Division.

"To put the Blackboard system into place this past summer was not a cheap endeavor. There was a significant investment made by the Financial Administration to help improve this service," Moran said.

Director of Auxiliary Services Tom Barlow explained the importance of this investment.

"This investment was very necessary. A previous DOS-based access system was purchased by Xavier in 1997 and was only being used for meal plans. The DOS system was no longer manageable since the vendor removed their service contracts."

In addition to the initial investment, nearly \$20,000 must be invested annually in order to support and maintain the online account management module.

"We're looking to SGA (Student Government Association) to assist in covering the majority of this cost. We've made the core investment, and now we've asked them to help fund this online, self-service program," said Moran.

Although the initial investment was substantial, the long-lasting benefits are appealing.

Besides helping to combine Muskies Money and Petty Cash into one account that can be managed online, the Blackboard system has the capacity to host a variety of additional features, including security door access, athletics and activity access, online voting, and off-campus programs.

The services of the All Card have improved and developed over the years. The original campus card services were implemented by Barlow in 1992-93.

Since that time, he has made the All Card into a nationally recognized program.

"The idea is to improve services to our students. Since it started, I feel that we have exceeded this expectation, but now we have fallen behind in our technological capability. With this new Blackboard financial system, we will re-establish the quality of our card services," Barlow said.

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E/RS Artist

Jackie Brookner, a world-renowned sculptor, is delivering an Ethics/Religion and Society lecture on Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Schiff Family Conference Center. Her public art projects reclaim undervalued and polluted water to create lush environments. Contact Sarah J. Melcher at 745-2043 or melcher@xavier.edu, or Edmund Cueva at 745-1931 or cueva@xavier.edu for more information.

Cookies!

The Office of International Student Services is having a bake sale in the Gallagher Student Center everyday this week from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., and in the Hailstones Lounge, from 5 - 7 p.m. Stop by to get cheesecake from the Cheesecake Factory, muffins, cookies, coffee and hot chocolate at reasonable prices. Call Charity at x8130 for more information.

Focus group

The Office of Residence Life will be having a focus group on Feb. 22 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the SGA Office. They are looking for 10 students to participate. The purpose of this focus group is to help Residence Life gain a better understanding of what residents want in a Resident Assistant.

A majority of the focus group will be specifically aimed at determining what kind of events/programs residents like their RAs to plan. Free food will be provided to all those who volunteer. Volunteers may be current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Your current residential location on campus is irrelevant. Contact Alex Kenney at x8909 or kenneyja@xavier.edu. by noon on

Club softball

Did you play softball in high school? Do you want to learn how to play? Join the XU Club Softball Team! Practices are Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday. Interested? Come ready to practice on Thursday at 9:30 p.m. at Schmidt Fieldhouse. Call Sarah or Lisa at x8825 with any questions.

A crosstown community

KELLY SHAW
Contributing Writer

Last Saturday was the ninth annual Crosstown Helpout between Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati.

More than 1,200 students, staff, alumni, and friends from both universities came together to do community service at various sites around the Cincinnati area.

A take-off from the well-known Crosstown Shootout, this activity not only brought archrivals together, but benefited many others in Cincinnati.

All volunteers arrived at UC's Tangeman University Center at 8 a.m. After a complementary breakfast, they left to work in integrated groups at almost 400 different service sites.

Schools and local agencies in Norwood, Clifton, Milford, Batavia, Evanston, and Over-the-Rhine received help in the form of painting walls, waxing floors, cleaning windows, picking up trash, sorting clothes, and building bookshelves.

All of the activities and expenses were sponsored by the Xavier University National Alumni Association, the University of Cincinnati Alumni Association, Home Depot, Glidden Paint, Pepsi, Home Ice, Chiquita, Panera Bread, and Krispy Kreme.

Home Depot has always been a strong sponsor of the event, offering anything needed for the work. Last year, Glidden Paint donated almost 500 gallons of paint.

Other sponsors helped by giving the "prize patrol" items, such as

sweatshirts and coupons to restaurants, which was a great incentive and advantage to those who were working hard all day.

Many Xavier students attended, despite the early morning hours and difficult labor.

After having a good experience when she helped out last year, sophomore RA Heidi Mallis participated again this year, and took eight of her residents to help.

"I thought it was a good way to get my wing involved in service," said Mallis.

The Kuhlman ground floor team met with a group of about 45 people at UC, and then carpooled to St. Catherine of Sienna Parish School.

Because of the large group, they were able to break up and

concentrate on separate aspects of the effort.

Mallis' wing helped paint the school's hallways.

Unlike the shootout, the volunteers from different schools did not show the common hostility toward their opponents. Other than the mascot "spirit contest" at the very beginning of the day, all of the participants were working toward one goal: helping others.

"I am so glad that they have this program," said Mallis, but she believes that the program should be even more publicized in places other than the Cincinnati area.

"It should get more attention, especially on the national level. I think it would be good for everyone to see that the two schools do this together."

Students and experts discuss Iraq



Former CIA analyst Ray McGovern and Miami University political science professor Dr. Adeed Dawisha discussed their opposing views on the War in Iraq on Saturday.

WILLIAM WELTY
Contributing Writer

The war in Iraq is one of the most important and hotly-debated issues today. Last Saturday, Xavier students attended a Day of Dialogue in Kelley Auditorium in Alter Hall to hear different opinions on the war and to share their own. One of the key features of the day was

a dialogue between former CIA analyst Ray McGovern and Miami University political science professor Dr. Adeed Dawisha.

Instead of a debate format, each speaker had five minutes to express his opinions, then the other speaker summarized what he had heard.

After each speaker had his turn to express his thoughts, the dialogue moved to a more conversational format.

Dawisha argued that it is necessary for the United States to maintain a presence in Iraq until the country is able to function on its own.

McGovern countered by asserting the United States had started a war of aggression by attacking Iraq. He stated that according to the Nuremberg Agreement, a war

of aggression is "the supreme international crime." Furthermore, he argued that as long as U.S. troops stay in Iraq, they will continue to be targets of violence.

After the initial discussion, students broke into small groups, led by trained facilitators, to engage in respectful, dialogue-format discussion and share their own opinions and ideas.

Shannon O'Neill, a junior at

Xavier, thought the small group dialogues were the most instructive part of the day. "What stood out to me was hearing both sides, and speaking cooperatively made me see the good parts of both sides, parts I might not have seen before. At the end, it made me think 'What can I do now?'" she said.

Katie Cole, also a junior, said that the cooperation of everyone was a highlight, but most of all, she respected Dawisha and McGovern. "It took a lot for the men to not attack each other," she commented, reflecting on how heated some debates can become.

Aside from the students, many people from the surrounding community and high school students helped fill the auditorium during the dialogue.

Despite the diversity of opinions and backgrounds, Xavier senior Christina Blust was surprised at the ability of the small groups to find common ground. She said "Everyone really had to listen to each other, and we couldn't hold onto our own biases once we truly listened."

The goal of the Day of Dialogue was to help students move away from uninformed, extreme positions on the issues and allow them to share and learn.

Kristen Barker of the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center, who helped organize the event, said: "This inclusive dialogue process... has the potential to open participants to new possibilities and insights. We hope to move away from polarization to a real sharing of ideas."

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Police Notes

January 30, 9:00 p.m. — Two graduate students walking to their car after class were struck by glass bottles thrown from a passing car. Minor injuries were sustained.

February 1, 6:30 p.m. — An employee reported the forced entry into a vehicle in the Alumni/Dana lot that resulted in minor damages. Nothing was taken from the car.

February 2, 10:06 p.m. — An intoxicated fan outside the men's basketball game was observed asleep behind the wheel of a vehicle in R-2. The subject was released to his spouse.

February 3, 7:40 p.m. — Several juveniles skateboarding on the residential mall were escorted off campus.

February 4, 6:22 a.m. — A student observed loitering in the Brockman lobby was cited for underage intoxication.

February 5, 8:18 p.m. — A student was cited for criminal damages after driving through the grass by the Campus Police station.

February 6, 6:50 a.m. — Campus Police searched the Village for a subject who was asking for change. Campus Police was unable to locate the subject. Campus Police would like to not that students should not open their doors for strangers or people asking for money.

Police Note
of the Week

February 5, 4:25 a.m. — Campus Police, Cincinnati Fire Response, and Residence Life checked on the well-being of an intoxicated student in Buenger Hall. The student was left under the care of a friend to sleep it off.

I was soooo wasted!

JOE WELLING

Contributing Writer

When you put more than 60 students, over \$500 worth of alcohol, several RAs, and Campus Police officers in the same room together, you usually expect to find kids in handcuffs and some quality material for the Police Notes.

But on Friday night in the third floor lounge of the Commons Apartments, this very scenario played out without any arrests.

Hosted by the Commons Apartment RAs and Campus Police, the "Drink 'til your legal limit" program featured beers, wines, and mixed drinks from all around the world.

The idea was to allow students of legal age a fun and safe opportunity to learn how many drinks it really takes to become "impaired."

Upon entering the Commons third-floor lounge, the students had to show a valid ID and were then given a brightly-colored punch card.

The punch card allowed each student to try three drinks of their choice from the beer, wine, or mixed drink tables, tended by Commons RAs.

The talk of the night seemed

to be the eclectic drink selection, which ranged from the surprisingly unpopular O'Doul's non-alcoholic brew to a foreign beer called Chili

on the Chili Beer, saying, "It's a little weird, a bit spicy, and there appears to be a large Jalapeno floating in it."



PHOTO TAKEN BY KENNY MALONE

Campus Police Officer Reihs performs a field sobriety test on junior Steve Belickis.

Beer, which actually had chili floating inside the bottle.

Junior Tim Malnor commented

While students were enjoying their three free drinks purchased with Residence Life money, they

also enjoyed hundreds of dollars worth of food, including Chick-Fil-A, potato chips, a chocolate fondue fountain, and more brownies than your little sister made when she got an Easy-Bake Oven.

Despite the large amount of interesting alcoholic drinks, food, and fun, this was actually an educational program.

Originally, Campus Police planned on using their state-of-the-art breathalyzers to show students that it takes fewer drinks to reach the legal limit of .08 than most think.

Unfortunately, the "state-of-the-art" breathalyzers weren't working properly, so they had to resort to field sobriety tests.

Campus Police officers made students touch their nose, follow a pen with their eyes, and walk a straight line, the latter of which being the most entertaining portion of the tests.

The program's rule was that you could have more than the three drinks your punch card allowed, but you had to pass a field sobriety test after your third, and each successive, drink.

Very few students were actually

able to pass the test after consuming only three drinks.

Officer Ken Grossman of Campus Police commented, "We're simply looking for motor coordination here, and it's easy to tell these guys have been drinking. Most are impaired."

Many students were surprised to fail the initial sobriety test, even though they couldn't tell the alcohol was affecting them, and they were disappointed that they couldn't continue drinking on Residence Life's tab.

The program was a clear hit with students, RAs, and even the Campus Police officers, who got a good laugh out of watching some students try to walk a straight line.

Students were obviously surprised at how easily it was to become impaired, even after only having a few drinks.

Junior Marianne Schultz added, "This was pretty much the greatest program ever, but apparently I'm impaired."

Nonviolence: Fr. Ben's fourth pillar

RACHEL PETERS

Campus News Editor

Sr. Alice Gerdeman, C.D.P., and Deborah Jordan spoke about nonviolence on Tuesday evening as part of Fr. Benjamin J. Urmston, S.J.'s fourth pillar of the "Five Pillars of a New World Building" and "Vision of Hope" series.

The event was a free, public forum at the Schiff Family Conference Center in Cintas Center.

Gerdeman is the coordinator of the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center and an adjunct professor of theology at Xavier.

Jordan is a peace educator and adjunct faculty member in education at the University of Cincinnati. She has also worked with the Ohio

Commission of Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management.

Drew Peters of the Peace and Justice Studies programs introduced the UC and Xavier educators as participating in a "Crosstown Peace-Out."

Jordan began her speech by discussing how peace education is the best way to promote a peaceful world.

Jordan explored her own vision of peace and gave a brief overview of the evolution and challenges of peace education.

She believes it is important to understand differences and understand that there will always be conflicts, which can be an opportunity to understand each other better.

Jordan sees this time as an opportunity for dialogue, "but some people already have it set in their minds that peace is unpatriotic."

Gerdeman began her speech with quotations from some of the great peacemakers: Martin Luther King, Jr., Gandhi, Erasmus, George Fox and Jesus Christ. Gerdeman also expressed her own peace vision stating that "The power of goodness is absolutely, positively more powerful than the power of evil."

Gerdeman encouraged the audience to use their individual talents to fight for peace, and that individual action is necessary to practice nonviolence: "I'm talented because the world needs me to be

talented," Gerdeman said.

She believes strongly that God has given people specific talents for the greater good and that they should listen attentively for times when they are called to use their talents.

Gerdeman encouraged people to respect others and to take time to listen to those who are different.

Even with regard to suicide bombers, she asks the audience to hypothetically ask them "What is it that you care so strongly about that you are willing to give up everything for?"

The final lecture in the series will explore "Democratic World Order" at 7 p.m. on March 7 in the Schiff Family Conference Center.

Valentine's Day reflections for the single woman

CAITLIN BURCHILL

Contributing Writer

Do any of you ladies find it ironic that the patron saint of Valentine's Day is, of all things, a man?

Seriously, ladies, I highly doubt that yesterday you overheard your boyfriend/significant other/boy you met at Soupie's talking with his friends about how excited he was to go order you some flowers and race up to the Godiva kiosk in Kenwood Mall so they can wait an hour to buy the perfect assortment of milk and dark chocolate truffles, just for you.

Or maybe you did hear this, only you were asleep in your bed because it was a dream.

The only flowers any guy in Cincinnati is likely to be sending accompany a sincere heartfelt sympathy card...to Carson Palmer, of course.

Though most of us will still give him the benefit of the doubt and convince ourselves that he didn't forget, this article is for you when you find yourself sitting on your couch (alone), watching one of many countdowns of the hottest people in the world (alone), and eating the heart-shaped chocolate assortment your roommate's boyfriend gave her (alone).

So when you realize Mr. Right's name is actually Mr. Why-Do-I-Bother, please just remember two things. One, your dad will always, without fail, give you the best Valentine's Day gift ever: a card saying how proud he is to be your father...and a check. And two, your other single friends are doing the same thing right now. CALL THEM.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Do the Hustle

The storm is coming! One quarter of February is in the books, and March is approaching rapidly.

You all know what that means, two inches of snow and a citywide shutdown due to the ineptitude of Cincinnati public services? Well, perhaps.

But no, we're talking about the impending nationwide craze that will grip the country for over a month, causing sports fans to lose sleep and neglect "non-essential activities" (e.g. hygiene).

It's about that time of the year when college basketball fans everywhere gather to ponder the infamous 64-team pool that makes up the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

Everyone is in on the fun, whether you are crunching the statistics of defensive points allowed, or simply picking a team because their color is pretty or their mascot seems more vicious than the other teams'.

With the most hectic and important month or so of college hoops on the horizon, we would like to assess our beloved Muskies' chances in this prestigious tourney.

A few weeks ago, Xavier was a definite bid, ranked 26th in the country.

Now, after a loss to Temple, two losses to Saint Louis, and a loss to George Washington, our team is not even in the top 50.

Surely, many of you are wondering what has gone wrong, especially since the boys began with strong and impressive performances against powerhouse teams such as Illinois, who is currently ranked number 10 in the nation.

With field goal percentages peaking around the 35.2 mark, scoring droughts lasting more than five minutes, and turnovers often numbering in the high teens, it's no

surprise we're losing games.

The question is, what needs to be done to remedy this ugly performance by a team that is extremely capable of being a top-25 contender, but has fallen off a bit?

It is unlikely that this is due to a lack of effort or desire to win, because as any competitive athlete knows, a team has only one thing on their mind: winning. As dedicated fans who have attended every home game and watched every televised away game, we do notice what is missing.

What we see missing is the fire in the players' eyes—hustle—that we saw during the Crosstown Shootout against Cincinnati, when they made their comeback versus Temple, or when they came out like an ignited bomb against George Washington.

Who knows where the fire has gone or what originally made our team play with such aggressiveness, determination, and emotion, but one thing is for sure: if they want to make it to the Big Dance, we need it back. Fast.

But most importantly, we need to maintain this intensity for 40 minutes.

Sure, it's nice going into the second half by 10 or more, but we'll take a W any day of the week.

Still, the fans need to continue to support these boys because the road ahead of them will not be an easy one to travel alone.

With continued support and encouragement, we have faith that our boys will not only make an appearance in the tournament but make an impact as they show the nation what Xavier is really made of.

So, get on board now as the Xavier Express moves full-throttle toward a great rest of the season and exciting post-season play.

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— M A L L T A L K —

“What should be next year’s Super Bowl halftime act?”




“Female jello wrestlers.”

Jordan Ross
Class of '09




“Fire throwers and sword swallowers.”

Ashley Ornella
Class of '06




“Prince.”

Jason Go
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— ON THE WAR PATH —

A city of tolerance becomes a cauldron of religious hatred



DAVID WARFIELD
Managing Editor

Everyone has their own petty squabbles, grudges, and prejudices that boil up from time to time, but it's not so often that we come across pure, unbridled hatred.

When we do, it's a jarring experience, it knocks us off balance for a moment, and it should make us think.

Dominating the major news coverage yesterday were the various accounts of an Islamic backlash against the country of Denmark. There were demonstrations, talks of a boycott, even the torching of a Danish embassy in Lebanon.

This all stemmed from a dust-up over some cartoons printed in a Danish newspaper containing some less-than-flattering depictions of the prophet Muhammad.

We can watch footage of hatred

in action on the news every night, but it's always thousands of miles removed from us, and it seems less real. Other times, it hits closer to home.

By home, I mean the city of London, which was my home for a good part of the summer last year. I grew to love the city. Part of what made it so attractive was its liberal cosmopolitan environment; it was a center of genuine multiculturalism.

So it was a little frightening last summer when we saw the city become a terrorist target. Again yesterday, London was a cauldron of religious hatred. I only saw it in news reports, from across an ocean, but this time it wasn't so much frightening as it was deeply disturbing and truly heartbreaking.

I refer to a photo I saw, wherein angry protesters outside a London Danish embassy carried signs reading: "Kill Those Who Insult Islam," and "Europe, You Will Pay—Your 9/11 Is On Its Way!!!"

Seeing such sincere and violent hatred injures the soul.

We come away from such a spectacle a little harder, a little less innocent.

Let's be honest, even the racial

tensions in Cincinnati pale in comparison to the enormous pathological hatreds and bloodthirsty grudges we see played out all over the world.

How often do we, as Americans, see anybody honestly calling for the death of one's neighbors, or threatening beheadings as one London protester did.

I remember quite recently how a group of Neo-Nazis staged a rally in my hometown of Toledo, Ohio.

Even after it turned into a small riot, I could only feel so disturbed by the thing. As despicable as the demonstrators were, they were basically just a cadre of punk kids: ignorant white trash.

When hundreds of angry local residents showed up, the amateur racialists turned and ran. But no one actually called for blood.

Now, I am certainly no bleeding heart. But yesterday's events softened me a little.

I'm beginning to get an idea of what those good-hearted, liberal kids must have felt four decades ago.

Those people whose hearts were breaking at the sight of abominable hatred, watching Bull Connor unleash the dogs and let rip the fire-

hoses, seeing young men lynched and children bombed.

I hate it. And I don't like the direction history is moving. But the sad thing is we can't escape it.

Some Jesuit, peace-and-justice types believe that we can end all of history's recurring tragedies with just a little "dialogue," that all people everywhere are rational enough to sit down and work out their differences peacefully, that a Democratic World Order is possible, as if the whole world thought along the lines of peace studies minors and operated with the civility of SGA; that it's just a matter of "a revolution of consciousness, a critical mass of awareness that will push the human family forward," as one Xavier figure put it.

Here's the irony: The same day I read about these London demonstrations and was so hurt by these calls for blood, I found myself angrily calling death upon someone.

Specifically, Zacharias Moussaoui, who is on trial for conspiracy in the 9/11 attacks.

He was dismissed from his federal courtroom hearing on Monday for shouting over the whole proceedings, declaring, "I am Al Qaeda!" and refusing to take part in

all of it because his defense attorney is an American.

Clearly, he sees no value in operating under the protections of American-style due process. So the thing to do, I said, is to comply with him. Convict him now and provide a swift execution.

I honestly said that we should throw out our legal procedures and execute the man, post haste, as if our values could be wiped away case by case.

There should be no moral equivalence drawn here. The London protesters were calling for the death of any Europeans who would blaspheme their faith. I was calling for the death of a conspirator in an attack that killed 2,986 people.

Now look at that rationalization of mine.

It's a shame that anyone should ever call death upon anyone. It's a shame that war, destruction, violence, and hate exist at all. But unlike the Jesuits, I believe that it's something mankind is doomed to inevitably face.

This whole thing is disgusting. I'm not exempt from it. The best we can do is reflect on these awful things we see, and shape our own souls accordingly.

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Clary, Courtney bring in A-10 honors

Senior Kristen Clary has been named the Atlantic 10 Conference Performer of the Week for women's tennis while freshman Kara Courtney was named the A-10 Rookie of the Week, as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon. The honors followed a 2-0 weekend for the Musketeers with wins over Youngstown State and IPFW.

Clary went 2-0 at No. 1 singles and recorded a 2-0 mark at first doubles with Courtney. In Friday's 5-2 win over Youngstown State, Clary posted a 6-2, 6-3 defeat of Whitney Thomas and followed that up with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Sachi Janek of IPFW on Sunday, Feb. 5. Clary owns a 9-5 mark in singles action and is 12-5 in doubles competition.

Courtney posted a pair of wins at No. 3 singles to go along with two doubles wins at No. 1 with Clary. In singles action, the freshman recorded a 6-0, 6-2 defeat of YSU's Emily Thayer on Friday and came back with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Hanna Hager of IPFW in XU's 7-0 defeat of the Mastodons. For the season, Courtney is 11-4 in singles competition and 12-5 in doubles play.

The women's tennis team will be back in action on Feb. 10, when XU travels to Richmond, Ky. to take on the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky.

IM sports update

Men's Competitive Basketball

Monday Night Division

Team	Record	PF	PA	Diff
1.) Untouchables	2-0	159	93	66
2.) Mr. Pibb + Red Vines	1-1	127	20	7
3.) City at 1421	1-1	111	128	-17
4.) Swishing Sweets	0-2	99	140	-41
5.) Kryptonite	0-2	87	136	-49

Tuesday Night Division

Team	Record	PF	PA	Diff
1.) Blue Devils	2-0	145	91	54
2.) UnKut	2-0	156	110	46
3.) X	2-0	147	84	63
4.) Mr. Wiggles	0-2	87	147	-60
5.) Texas Tycoons	0-2	85	154	-69

Wednesday Night Division

Team	Record	PF	PA	Diff
1.) Nova	2-0	141	105	36
2.) Meat	1-1	160	147	13
4.) Bout it Bout it	1-1	143	132	11
3.) Lenny Brown	1-1	156	153	3
5.) Gines	1-1	174	182	-8
6.) Globalization	0-2	103	158	-55

*Next week:
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OTHER STARTERS:

G	F	F	F
Oumar Sylla	Peter Thomas	Gaston Moliva	Jermaine Bucknor
So., 6' 7", 230	Jr., 6' 5", 210	Jr., 6' 7", 240	Sr., 6' 7", 218
5.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg	6.7 ppg, 2.1 rpg	5.3 ppg, 4.7 rpg	13.9 ppg, 4.6 rpg

SCOUTING THE SPIDERS

The Spiders enter tonight's game with a record of 11-10 overall and 4-4 in the Atlantic 10 after dropping their last two games to Fordham and George Washington.

First year head coach Chris Mooney has implemented a slow-tempo Princeton offense that has so far been unsuccessful. Richmond ranks 324th out of 356 NCAA Division I teams with a scoring average of 52.8 points per game. Their shooting percentage of 40.7 percent is good for 294th overall.

Richmond relies heavily on the three pointer, having hit at least six threes in 11 of their last 16 games. They shoot threes at just a 31.2 clip however, good for 10th in the conference.

The Spiders are led by senior forward Jermaine Bucknor, who has averaged nearly 19 points per game in Richmond's last six games. Though he leads the team in scoring and rebounding, Bucknor scored collected just 12 points and three rebounds in the Spiders' 80-55 blow-out loss to George Washington over the weekend.

Junior Peter Thomas came to Richmond as a walk-on, but has started every game this season and leads the team in minutes, averaging 34.0 per game. He has scored in double figures in five games this season.

SCOUTING THE MUSKETEERS

Xavier will again look to bounce back in tonight's game against Richmond. The Spiders have come to regard this game as a rivalry, though Xavier has won the last three contests. But with the Musketeers tied with Richmond in the Atlantic 10 standings and reeling from back-to-back losses to A-10 foes George Washington and Saint Louis, tonight's game has more significance than usual.

For a win tonight, Xavier must control the ball better than they have as of late. The Musketeers turned the ball over 19 and 17 times in their losses against GW and Saint Louis respectively, allowing an average of nearly 25 points per game from the opposition in those two games.

Xavier will also need to continue their solid defense of the three-point shot, especially against a Richmond team that shoots so many shots from beyond the arc. Xavier has defended the three brilliantly this season, holding opponents to a 30.2 percent from three.

Senior Brian Thornton, a four-time Atlantic 10 Player of the Week, continues to lead the Musketeers in scoring at 26.0 points per game. His 63.3 field goal percentage is ninth in the A-10 and sixth in the nation.

XAVIER IN REVIEW



47 61

Feb. 5 - Savvis Center
Saint Louis 61, Xavier 47

In a game that many hoped would rejuvenate a sputtering squad, the Xavier Musketeers fell to the Billikens of Saint Louis University 61-47 on Saturday, dropping their second straight game and their fourth of the last five. The Musketeers displayed little of the hounding defense and offensive prowess that had led them to the verge of a top-25 national ranking just weeks ago, and now find themselves tied with Richmond for ninth place in the 14-team Atlantic 10 Conference.

Xavier was again plagued by careless ball-handling, committing 17 turnovers which led to 20 of Saint Louis' points. The Musketeers' shooting woes also continued, as their 47 points were the lowest in over a year.

Senior forward Brian Thornton led the team with 11 points, while sophomore guard Stanley Burrell, second on the team in scoring this year, failed to score a point for just the third time in his career.

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XAVIER IN REVIEW



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Jan. 29 - Cintas Center
Charlotte 63, Xavier 55

Senior Tara Boothe scored 17 points and pulled down 19 rebounds, tying a career-high, during a 63-55 loss to conference-leading Charlotte on Sunday afternoon.

The Musketeers were in their quest to knock yet another team out of the A-10's top spot after defeating George Washington on Friday evening.

Charlotte guard Sakellie Daniels proved to be too much for the Musketeer defense, however, leading all scorers with 22 points and shooting 6-8 from the charity stripe. The 5-foot-7 senior was named A-10 Player of the Week before the game.

Xavier trailed at the half but was able to cut the lead to three points after junior guard Miranda Green made a driving layup with 16:54 left in the second half. XU would not get closer, as senior Pam Brown drained a three-pointer from the top of the key to give the 49ers a 34-28 lead.

SCOUTING THE RAMS

Fordham (7-14, 2-8) enters the game riding a five-game losing streak. The Rams have not won since a 65-50 victory over St. Bonaventure on Jan. 20. During that stretch, the team has been averaging 49.6 points per game while shooting just 36 percent from the field.

Junior guard Lisa Carroll leads the Rams in scoring (14.7 ppg) and assists (4.0 apg). The native of Sweden is also a major long-distance threat, connecting on 43 percent of her three-point shots this season.

Jada Jefferson, a senior forward from New Jersey, is the primary low post threat for Fordham. Jefferson averages 10.0 points per game while pulling down nine rebounds. Jefferson ranks third in the A-10 in rebounding, trailing Tara Boothe and Dayana Dara Wright.

The play of freshman Daniel Reark has been a pleasant surprise for head coach Jim Davis. Reark has scored 10 points in four legitimate three-point attempts for the Rams, connecting on 12 attempts this season.

While the Rams are one of the premier three-point shooting teams in the conference, they rank dead last in scoring offense, averaging only 55.3 points per contest.

SCOUTING THE MUSKETEERS

The Musketeers (15-7, 6-5) look to keep their NCAA Tournament aspirations alive as they travel to Fordham and La Salle this weekend. XU is currently riding a three-game road win streak, the longest of the season.

Senior forward Kristi Wallner continues to come on strong, tying her season-high scoring mark (31 points) against Duquesne on Jan. 30 and breaking it (41 points) in a win over GW Friday. Over the last three games, Wallner is averaging 12.9 points per game, well above her season average of 5.5.

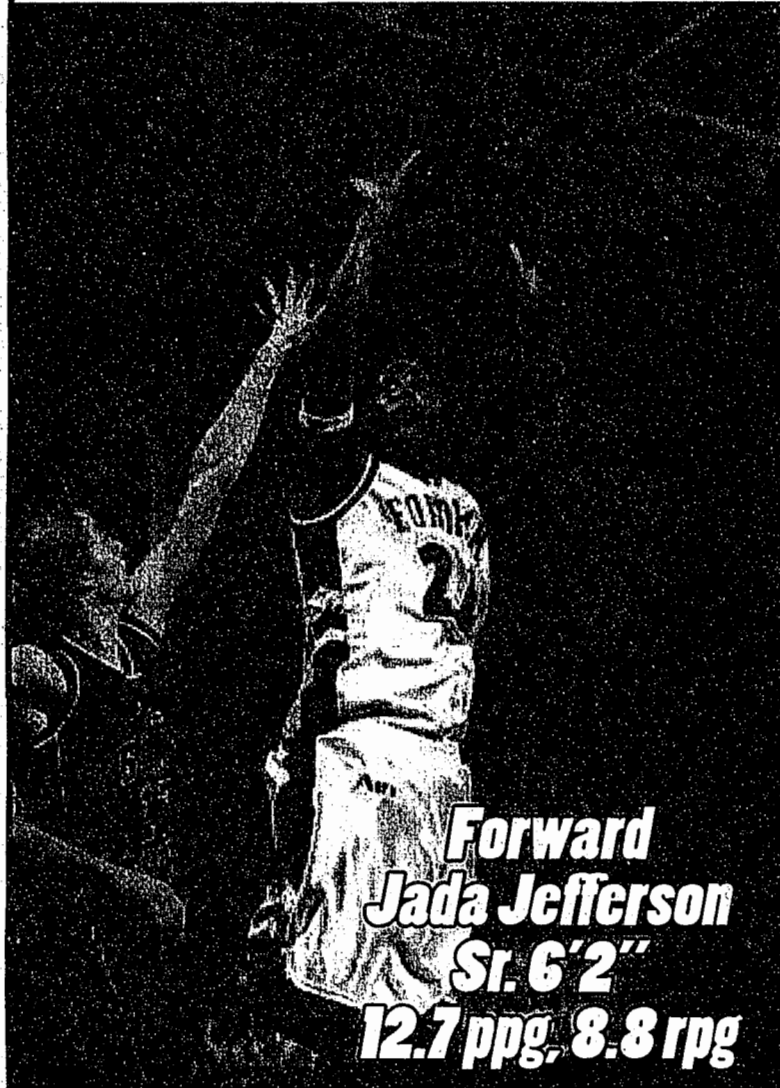
Freshmen Jerri Taylor has provided the backcourt with a huge spark of the bench. The South Bend native was instrumental in last weekend's win over GW, scoring five points in less than a minute to give the Muskies a lead that they would never relinquish.

Taylor's minutes have gradually increased and she is seeing more time at the shooting guard position, providing Xavier with a quick and athletic backcourt.

The Musketeers are still on the outside looking in when it comes to an NCAA Tournament selection come March. The team is currently ranked 60th in the Rating Percentage Index.

-Basketball previews by John LaFollette and Ryan Kilbane

MEET THE RAMS



Forward
Jada Jefferson
Sr. 6'2"
12.7 ppg, 8.8 rpg

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OTHER STARTERS:

G	G	G	F
Lisa Carroll	Erin Smith	Annie Zopf	Vanessa Silva
Jr., 5' 7"	Sr., 5' 7"	Fr., 5' 9"	Sr., 6' 4"
14.7 ppg, 3.4 rpg	1.8 ppg, 2.9 rpg	1.1 ppg, 0.3 rpg	6.8 ppg, 5.0 rpg

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Black history film

To celebrate Black History Month, the Gentlemen Organized for Achievement and Leadership will be showing the film "Through the Door of No Return" at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the first floor lounge of the Commons. In this documentary, filmmaker Shirikiana Aina travels to Ghana to capture the oral history of a major sea port where Africans were warehoused before being shipped to the New World in an effort to understand her father, a descendant of slaves, who died when she was a child. Free pizza and wings will be provided. For more information, contact Aaron Parker at 924-5998.

Choir concert

The Xavier University Concert Choir is performing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal in the museum's rotunda as part of its Music in the Museum 2005-06 concert series. The concert will feature selections from Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem." The concert will also include Pierre Pincemaille, organist at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint-Denis in France, who will be playing selected works from Stravinsky's "Firebird." Tickets are \$18. For more information and tickets, call 287-7001.

Angelou lecture

The University of Cincinnati is sponsoring a lecture by world renowned writer, poet, and educator Maya Angelou from 7 - 9 p.m. on Wednesday at Fifth Third Arena in The Shoemaker Center. This event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more information, call Student Activities and Leadership Development at 556-6115.

Spaghetti dinner

There will be a spaghetti dinner from 6 - 8 p.m. on Sunday in Husman Hall. Tickets are \$3, and all proceeds go to the Navs Relay for Life team, which raises funds for the American Cancer Society. For tickets and more information, email hendricksonlm@xu.edu.

Feeling 'Lost'? Theories abound



ANDREW CRAGO
Divisions Editor

The mythology of the TV show "Lost" is as complex as that of other shows of a similar nature, such as "The X-Files," "Twin Peaks," or "Star Trek." This complexity, and the unresolved questions it spawns, have led to rampant speculation and theorizing among fans. That is to say, there are some crackpot theories out there.

"Lost" begins as a show about a group of people who are seemingly deserted on an island. Nearly everything is a mystery from the beginning. Plot lines have developed, but the core questions still remain: concerning the nature of the island, the origins of the "security system" and the "Others," and the meaning of the numbers. Each of these points prompts intense discussion among regular viewers.

What better place to hear some of the discussions and theories than the Internet! Without revealing spoilers, let's check out exactly how much time some people have put into thinking about this show.

Some theories have been debunked by the show's creators. In interviews and on the Internet, some of the past theories have included "the people on the island are actually trapped in Purgatory," or "they flew through a worm hole to a different planet," or "it is all a dream." Each of these has been discussed ad nauseum and debunked, but the theories still fly.

The new crop of theories are even more complex and ridiculous than when the show started. As the show progresses, the theories must be revised to fit in with recent revelations or contradictory evidence.

A good place to look is 4815162342.com (the mysterious numbers from the show). They have pages and pages of theories in a message board format. One poster, Andrew Smith, proposes the "Ultimate Theory," which stretches across science and history and includes visual aids. It is impressive if nothing else. It begins:

"Meet Hans Ørsted. Hans Ø.

discovered electromagnetism in 1820. In 1999, the Ørsted satellite was launched with the purpose of charting Earth's magnetic field. The findings led scientists to believe that there might be a polar reversal imminent, the effects of which could be cataclysmic: if Earth were to lose its magnetosphere, it would be vulnerable to massive radiation from the space and sun. The satellite also revealed an anomaly in the



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Dr. Hannes Alfvén. Could He be mixed up in "Lost"?

magnetic field under South Africa; it is pointing the opposite direction from the rest of the Earth's field and has been growing for hundreds of years.

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Alfvén plus Hans Ø. equals Alvar Hanso [a mysterious character mentioned in the show]. So, we have the founder of the Dharma Initiative and the means by which he would inflict peace on the world: polar reversal."

Andrew's theory gets a little crazy from there. Suffice to say that it involves a "Collective Unconscious," a mysterious cloud of dark magnetic particles, and a giant electromagnetic pulse bomb designed to save the world.

Andrew provides his own disclaimer for those who think that he might be participating in some guerilla marketing for the show: "No. I am actually this sad."

Yet, he might just be right. If this has piqued your interest into the world of "Lost" theories, you should jump on to the Internet and write your own, or maybe argue with Andrew.

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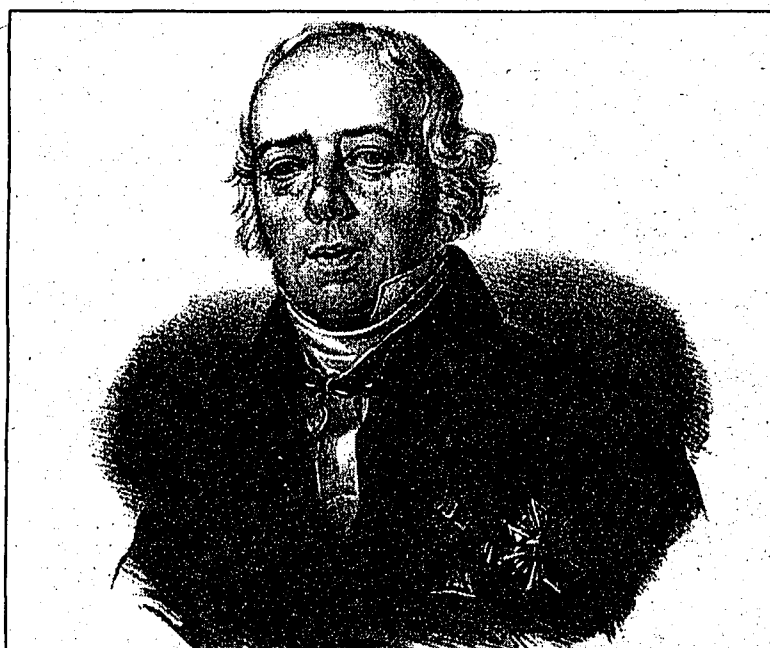


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LINDSAY SLOCUM

Asst. Divisions Editor

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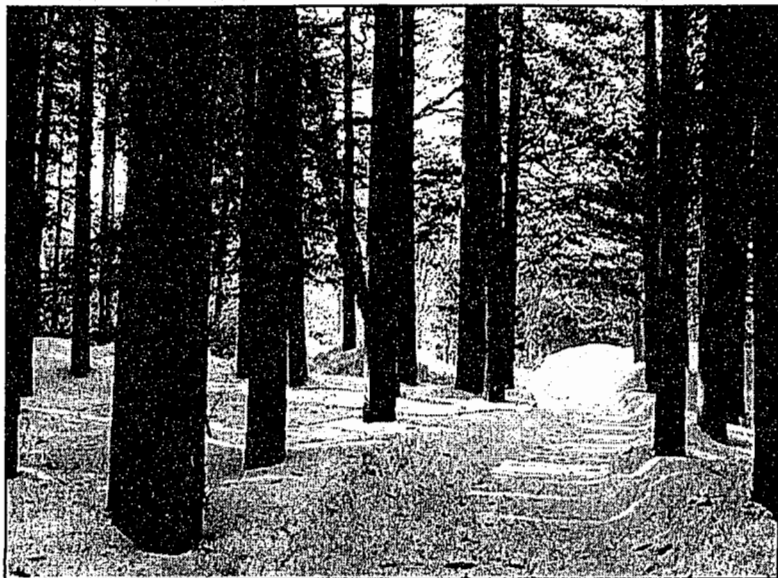


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At 3:30 p.m. this afternoon is the International Coffee Hour in Alter Hall B-12. It's a different location than usual, but it does not require use of your automotive driving device. Walk there, lazy punk.

Speaking of lazy punks, there will be a Peace Corps Presentation at 6 p.m. tonight in Gallagher Student Center, room 330.

Two year minimum of nothing but helping people? No, thank you. I'd rather drive aggressively around this city and see how many students I can maim.

Calendar City

By Briana Hansen. To place an item in the calendar, mail to newswire-calendar@xavier.edu.

THURSDAY

February 9

The movie, "Through the Door of No Return" will be presented at 7 p.m. by G.O.A.L. tonight the first floor of the Commons.

If you refuse to check out doors that don't have at least a 30-day return policy, you should go listen to Dr. Clifton H. Johnson, the founder of the Amistad Research Center, at 7:30 p.m. in Kelley Auditorium.

After all that stimulating use of your brain, you should do something for your stomach. I'm talking about a Late Night Snack in the Gallagher Student Center Food Court at 10 p.m., featuring Buskens Bakery. Elastic pants suggested, but no pants required.

FRIDAY

February 10

It's super competition Friday! Today is filled with opportunities to prove yourself once and for all. To be honest, there are only two real club-sponsored competitions.

But, that doesn't mean we can't make up a bunch of fake stuff and pretend like it's real! After all, we've been doing it all year, it'd be a shame to stop now!

Let's hear it for punctuated enthusiasm!



Don't worry, Jerry. Maury's just another wannabe.

At 6 p.m. tonight in the Cohen Center, the Department of Art Faculty Exhibition will be having its Closing Reception. This isn't technically a competition, but that doesn't mean it doesn't have competitive potential.

You could go dressed as your favorite type of art, like a nude sculpture or something. Just walk around screaming, "HA! Your art sucks, I win!" in the faces of everyone at the event. They'll be so embarrassed.

The next competition is Worldquest: an International Trivia Competition at 6:30 p.m. in Banquet Room 2 in the Cintas Center. It's kind of a big deal. People know about it.

The last competition of the day will be the ultimate Battle of the Sexes, sponsored by the Navigators. This battle of epic proportions will take place at 8 p.m. in Albers Hall room 103.

Win or lose, women will retain ultimate nagging rights for the rest of the year. In a way, everybody loses.

SATURDAY

February 11

After that extremely competitive end to the week, it's probably time to relax and chat with Mr. President. The President of Xavier University, Fr. Michael Graham, S.J., that is.

A Day with the President will be taking place starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Conaton Board Room. They'll probably be serving graham crackers, teddy grahams, old Grammys, Mike & Ikes, and several other delicious puns.

Today is "Be Electrified Day" and "Satisfied with Staying Single Day." It seems like an odd pairing. Unless, of course, you electrify someone else's significant other, thus making them single. Then they work together beautifully.

SUNDAY

February 12

If you want to enjoy good old Italian dining, you should tour Italy today. In case you don't want to wake up too early to catch a plane, you still have options. Check out the Tour of Italy Italian Feast in Husman to support the Navigators Relay for Life team. Look into this event on the portal for more information, or just wander around Husman asking random people for spaghetti. Whatever works.

MONDAY

February 13

"Making the Most of a Career Fair" program will take place at 1:30 p.m. today in room 330 of the Gallagher Student Center.

It sounds like it would be especially helpful for seniors, but if little freshmen want to tag along, that's fine, too. Maybe you can even get your face painted at the "Welcome to the Real World, You're Screwed" booth, or get some candy from the "You Wasted All Your Money on Frivolities" table.

Make sure, though, you don't run into a cousin/sister/midget you cheated on with your mother/grandfather/parrot. It's Jerry Springer's birthday and he'll be on the lookout for any story that takes away from the fact that he's a 62-year-old man still hosting a trashy TV show.

Careful, Springer. Maury Povich is working hard to win the Most Wrinkly Man on Crappy Daytime TV award. Plus, he's married to Connie Chung. Watch yourself.

TUESDAY

February 14

The International Day of Love and Choking. If you're in love, you likely feel unconsciously choked by your partner's actions but never let it show to the public. If you're not in love, you likely want to choke yourself when you see the lovey-dovey actions of the couples surrounding you. If this seems bitter, it's because when I found out my plumber/gerbil/cousin/pappy was cheating on me, I stopped believing in happy endings.



Classifieds

For classifieds information, call Ann Tassone at 745-3561 or email her at Newswire-Classifieds@xavier.edu

General

Calling all brides! Pampered Chef Bridal Showers will get your new home stocked with high quality kitchen tools and cookware. Online gift registry available along with registry announcements. Call Laurie at 683-8862 or email www.pamperedchef.biz/lauriereed.

About 1/4 of women are physically assaulted by a partner. Xavier Advocates can help provide confidential support and understanding. Call 513-872-9259.

Everybody's Records and CDs. Voted the best of the Cincinnati area with the largest selection of new and used records and CDs. Specializing in rock, alternative, hardcore, hip-hop, R&B, punk, indie, jazz, blues, and country. We carry music, DVDs, posters, stickers, buttons, and magazines. 6106 Montgomery Road at Ridge.

Roommate needed to share spacious condominium in North Avondale with Xavier alumnus. Non-smoker preferred. Rent is \$375 monthly. Amenities include: own room, own bathroom, cable TV, Internet, valet parking, and 24-hour security. Call Eric at 281-6338.

For Rent

Two bedroom available at 1047 Dana Ave., right after Victory Parkway, for \$777 per month. Large parking area, washer/dryer, and free storage unit in basement. Large water heater tanks! New kitchens! Call Brandon at 265-1485 or email ucmanager@murents.com.

Conveniently located, large 5-6 bedroom house, very close to campus. It's an easy walk and on-campus shuttle available. Updated kitchen with dishwasher, two baths, lots of storage space, free laundry with water paid, off-street parking, front porch and balcony, well-maintained. Nice landlords who want to make you happy! Call Karen at 321-2946 with questions. Asking \$1,500/month rent.

Two bedroom apartment available for 2006 school year on 3919 Regent Avenue... close to campus! Call Alex at 256-0253.

Beautiful three or four bedroom house on nicest street in Norwood (Floral). Air, hardwood floors, parking, free laundry, etc. Available next school year. Call 281-3863.

Beautiful three story, four bedroom, one big bath house in Norwood. Lots of off-street parking. Close to campus. 4112 Ivanhoe. \$1,250/month. Call Rob or Donna at 780-0627 or 368-2388.

Oakley-2 family, 2734 Minot. 1 BR and 3 BR available. First floor 1 BR - 450 sq. ft., equipped kitchen, and A/C window unit. \$425/month plus utilities, one month security deposit. 3 BR - 1,000 sq. ft., eat-in kitchen, and central A/C (2nd floor). \$700/month plus utilities, one month security deposit. Conveniently located next to campus, Rt. 71, and nightlife. Residential street in walking distance to Rookwood shopping and bus line. Newly remodeled with off-street parking and laundry. Call 673-7573.

1015 Dana - Large apartments available for 2006-07! Wireless internet, secure entry, off-street parking, laundry, across from campus! 2 bedroom/\$595, 4 bedroom/\$1,200, and 6 bedroom/\$1,400. Call 886-3710.

WOW! Across from campus. Wonderful studios; one, two, and three bedroom fantastic apartments. For photos or information, email cincivegan@juno.com.

Great Norwood apartment available less than one mile from XU's campus. Duplex that can be rented with 2, 4, 5, or 6 bedrooms. Fully compliant with Norwood housing codes. New siding, windows, driveway. Positive student references available. Available June 1. Email cknippen@yahoo.com or call 708-5287.

For rent: Dana mansion- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 BR apts for 2006 school year. Some furnished with heat paid, range/refrigerator, laundry, off-street parking, decks and porches, easy walk/bike to campus. \$495-1,395. Two units available now! Email Bob at repattison@aol.com or call 258-1393.

Eight bedroom, three bath, two kitchen mansion. Newly updated, painted 1/06. Hdwd floors, dishwashers, g-disposals, 8car off-street parking. Covered porch, basketball court (2/06), motion sensors, \$350/person. HEAT, ELEC included! Avail. 6/1/06. 991 Dana Avenue. Call Scott at 310-383-1122.

Apartments available now and for the upcoming school year. Spacious 1, 2, 3, and 5 bedrooms. Located on Dana Avenue right by campus. Hardwood floors. Heat paid. On-site laundry. Free off-street parking. Many with fireplaces. Call 673-4946.

Travel

Bahamas Spring Break Cruise! Five days from \$299! Includes meals and MTV celebrity parties! Cancun, Acapulco, Jamaica from \$499! Campus reps needed! Promo Code: 31. Visit www.springbreak-travel.com or call 1-800-678-6386.

Help Wanted

Dependable loving person needed to care for a 4- and an 8-year-old after school. References and good transportation required. Email: hkerr@cinci.rr.com

Math tutors wanted! Mathnasium is looking for tutors at its West Chester center to work with kids in grades 2-12. Tutors start at \$8/hour. Call 759-MATH.

Sitters wanted: Average \$10 per hour. Register free for jobs near campus or home. Visit www.student-sitters.com.

Spanish speaking female wanted to teach Spanish to 3 year old, 1 or 2 evenings per week. Days and hours flexible. 20 minutes from campus. Salary negotiable. Call 859-468-4570.

Nanny/babysitter needed immediately in our Norwood home for one-year-old. PT/FT available. Call Jason at 470-3920 for interview or further information.

Babysitter needed for two cute and fun kids. Occasional flexible daytime hours. Montgomery area. Call 237-2747 for more info.